श्री सुनील दत्त: सभापति जी, हम यह भी कर रहे हैं। मैं उन साहब को इनवाइट कर रहा हूं। हम उनके साथ एक मीटिंग भी कर रहे हैं।

डा॰ कुमकुम राय: सभापति जी, हमारे खिलाड़ी वर्षों तक अभ्यास करके, बहुत मेहनत से ओलंपिक जैसे खेलों में हिस्सा लेने जाते हैं, लेकिन वहां डोप टेस्टिंग में उन्हें अयोग्य ठहरा दिया जाता है, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहती हूं कि भारत में जो डोप टेस्ट प्रणाली है, वह अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुरूप है या नहीं है?

श्री सुनील दत्त: सभापति जी, इन्होंने डोप का बड़ा अच्छा सवाल पूछा है।

श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया: सभापति जी, 308 कम्बाइन कर दीजिए।

श्री सुनील दत्त: वह डोप का है, अगर उसे कम्बाइन कर दें तो मैं साथ ही जवाब दे दूंगा।

श्री सभापति: अभी यह तो खत्म कर दीजिए।

श्री सुनील दत्त: सभापति जी, हमारे यहां पर डोप का अच्छा इंतजाम है, एट पार है। जो इंटरनेशनल ऑर्गेनाइजेशन्स का स्टैण्डर्ड है, उसी स्टैण्डर्ड से हम काम कर रहे हैं। इसमें ऐसी कोई बात नहीं हैं। अभी हमारा वाड़ा के साथ कांट्रेक्ट हो रहा है, हमारा उनके साथ एग्रीमेंट हो रहा है। जब एग्रीमेंट हो जाएगा तो हम इंटरनेशनल लेवल के होंगे।

*307. [The question (Shri Amar Singh) was absent. For answer *vide* page 32]

Dope Testing System in India

*308. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:†
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's system for dopetesting is faulty and is open to manipulation; and

(b) the details of dopetesting of Ms. Sanamacha Chanu and Ms. Pratima Kumari before they went to Athens?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Santosh Bagrodia.

Statement

(a) and (b) No, Sir. However, there are continuous reviews to safeguard against the possibility of manipulation through system improvements, training of Sports Authority of India (SAI) scientists engaged in dope testing exercise etc.

All the sportspersons qualified for the individuals events and selected as members of the Indian Team for the 2004 Athens Olympic Games were tested for dope. Samples of 2 Indian Weightlifters, Ms. Sanamacha Chanu and Ms. Pratima Kumari who were tested positive for dope at the Athens Olympic Games were also tested by the Dope Control Centre located at SAI's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium prior to their departure and found negative for dope.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, when you are talking about dope testing, even in 2001, there were three such cases. What steps have been taken since then to improve the situation? Otherwise, in 2004, again we have the same problem. What is the accountability of the sports administration? Regarding the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) and its membership, about which you are saying, I would like to ask as to how would it help because you have just become its member and our practices will remain the same. Please let us know.

SHRI SUNIL DUTT: Sir, we had a Cabinet meeting on this matter, and, our Government has agreed to sign the contract with WADA, and, very soon we have to make certain payments to them, and, then, we will be on a par with them. We are actually importing the state-of-the art machinery over here. We are sending our scientists abroad to study further to be on a par with the international standards of doping, and, Sir, our lab is almost as good as that of any other foreign country.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, my second supplementary is -- though my first question is not fully replied as far as the figures of 2001 and 2004 are concerned -- about the Isotope Ratomass Spectrometer. Why have you not taken it so far? Sir, the foreign coaches are using our sportspersons as guinea pigs. What precautions are you taking so that our sportsmen are not just given all kind of drugs without any control, and, as a result our sportsmen fail in the international events? Before going to Athens-- you know it very well-- they were tested. So, why do you have the random checking, and, why don't you have hundred per cent checking?

SHRI SUNIL DUTT: Sir, all the athletes who went to Olympics were tested. Actually it is not one of the basic norms in other countries, and,

they have the random check-ups. But, in our case, in our country, we have tested everybody who was going abroad.

Sir, as far as educating the athletes is concerned, we have SAI centres everywhere, we have a booklet on 'Drug in Sports' by Sports Science Research Foundation, and, wherever the athletes go, they are given this booklet. Sir, we give this booklet to every sportsperson, they have to go through it, and, they come to know what sort of drug is not good for them. Then, Sir, we are coming out with another handbook on 'Drug Education', and, that also will be given to everybody. All the people who are interested in sports can have this book.

Sir, from our side, we are studying very deeply the problem of doping because we feel that this menace is not only in our country but it is all over the globe, in all the sports-countries, and, wherever athletes are there, some way or the other, this is happening.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please be brief.

SHRI SUNIL DUTT: Sir, we are doing our best.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Karan Singh...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, I will request the Minister to find out if it is random checking, or, hundred per cent checking because the hon. Minister himself replied in July, 2004 that we have the random checking. And, now he is saying that we have hundred per cent checking. If you have improved upon it, that is a different thing.

SHRI SUNIL DUTT: Sir, when all the people, all the athletes go abroad, for Olympics, they are checked up. But, otherwise, it is random. In our internal games, National Games, it is random.

DR. KARAN SINGH: Sir, my question relates to question no. 306. Despite having a population of over a billion people, our performance in international sports is miserable. The reasons for that are several; I won't go into them. Apart from a string of sports academies, which are required, around the country, would the Minister let us know whether he has launched a National Physical Fitness Campaign? There is no quest for excellence. Unless there is a National Physical Fitness Campaign in schools, in colleges and for adults, we will never have the base of our pyramid. So, apart from sports academies, which are long overdue, are you also considering a National Physical Fitness Campaign so that the general standard of health and physical prowess in this country can improve.

SHRI SUNIL DUTT: Sir, I am very grateful to the hon. Member, who is a senior Member. He asked a very good question which is actually to my heart also. The physical fitness is related with a proper diet and proper nutrition. How many people are there in our country who can have a proper meal? If the Government guarantees that people in poorest areas can have a proper meal and proper food to build up their muscles, I think, we can churn out very great athletes. Sir, as far as our programmes are concerned, we are trying to go through schools, and we are planning that every school in the villages must have a playground. The food that is being supplied to the schools should also be checked up so that it has proper nutrition diet and proper calories so that the youths are really healthy to go to the playgrounds. Sir, we have one billion people, and out of one billion people, I want to know how many children in our country go to sports grounds and play games. 'One billion' is okay, but there are very few children who are going to playgrounds and play games.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is enough. Next question. Shri Ramachandraiah.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI: Sir, I want to put a very small question ...*(Interruptions)*... I want to know ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, No. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI: Right from cricket to Kabbadi, the sports have been ...*(Interruptions)*. Would the Minister consider that the money which you earn from cricket will be spent on other games? ...*(Interruptions)*...

Private Participation in Rural Development

*309. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been initiated by Government for rural development through private sector;

(b) if so, which are the areas identified; and

(c) what are the details of facilities, concessions given to the private sector in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.